

Education

Arizona ranks ahead of California in terms of average educational attainment. In 2006, according to the College Board, the mean SAT scores of seniors in Arizona were higher than states like New York, Texas, and California.

150 private post-secondary educational institutions train 30% of Arizona's workforce, equipping more than 110,000 students each year with leading-edge training, from certificate programs to PhDs. And, more than 3,000 apprentices currently participate in Arizona's 126 registered apprenticeship programs in a wide number of industries.

There are a variety of school districts that serve the Buckeye area. Three elementary school districts, two high school districts, and two unified school districts serve the Buckeye area. Below is a compiled list of primary, secondary, and higher level education schools.

Charter Schools

- **Odyssey Preparatory Academy**
Kindergarten - 7th grade
Total Enrollment: 720

6500 S. Apache Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 327-3111

Primary Schools

Buckeye Elementary School District #33

The Buckeye Elementary School District #33 (BESD) covers 212 square miles. Buckeye Elementary School District #33 serves over 4,000 youths who are K-8. Equipped with a staff of 525, this district presently contains 6 elementary schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

Educational Attainment of Current Teaching Staff

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| Number of Teachers with Bachelor's | 145 |
| Number of Teachers with Master's | 20 |
| Number of Teachers with Doctorate | 1 |

Source: AZ Dept. of Education, 2007

- **Bales Elementary School**
Kindergarten - 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 970

Primary Schools (cont'd.)

25400 W. Maricopa Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 847-8503

- **Buckeye Elementary School**

Kindergarten - 4th grade
Total Enrollment: 620

210 S. 6th Street
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-4487 x215

- **Buckeye Middle School**

5th grade – 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 485

210 South 6th Street
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-4487 x211

- **Steven R. Jasinski Elementary School**

Kindergarten - 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 741

4280 S. 246th Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 925-3100

- **Sundance Elementary School**

Kindergarten - 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 900

23800 W. Hadley Street
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 847-8531

- **West Park Elementary School**

Kindergarten - 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 650

2700 S. 257th Drive
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 435-3282

Liberty Elementary School District #25

Liberty Elementary School District #25 serves approximately 2,810 students, for the 2006-2007 school year, and covers a 300 square mile geographic area of both rural and suburban settings.

Three of the five elementary schools are located in Buckeye:

Educational Attainment of Current Teaching Staff

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| Number of Teachers with Bachelor's | 258 |
| Number of Teachers with Master's | 45 |
| Number of Teachers with Doctorate | 2 |

Source: AZ Dept. of Education, 2007

Primary Schools (cont'd.)

- **Freedom Elementary School**
Kindergarten – 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 1,100

22150 W. Sundance Parkway South
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 327-2850
- **Liberty Elementary School**
Kindergarten – 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 684

19818 W. Highway 85
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 327-2810
- **Rainbow Valley Elementary School**
Kindergarten – 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 780

19716 W. Narramore Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 327-2830

Litchfield Elementary School District #79

Litchfield Elementary School District #79 serves approximately 8,500 students with a total of 11 schools, for the 2006-2007 school year; two of the schools are located in Buckeye.

Educational Attainment of Current Teaching Staff

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| Number of Teachers with Bachelor's | 337 |
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| Number of Teachers with Master's | 171 |
| Number of Teachers with Doctorate | 2 |

Source: AZ Dept. of Education, 2007

- **Verrado Elementary School**
Kindergarten – 6th grade
Total Enrollment: 436

20873 W. Sunrise Lane
Buckeye, AZ 85396
(623) 547-1600

Primary Schools (cont'd.)

- **Verrado Middle School**
6th grade – 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 950

20880 W. Main Street
Buckeye, AZ 85396
(623) 547-1300

Saddle Mountain Unified School District #90

Saddle Mountain Unified School District #90 serves four schools; one of the schools is located in Buckeye. The school district prepares students by providing them with above average skills and educational programs necessary to become productive, responsible and successful citizens and leaders. Tartesso Elementary School is scheduled to open August 2008.

- **Tartesso Elementary School**
Kindergarten – 8th grade
Total Enrollment: N/A

29677 W. Indianola Road
Buckeye, AZ 85396
(623) 386-5688

Wickenburg Unified School District

The Wickenburg Unified School District serves the northern area of Buckeye. The school district educates its students and is focused on balancing a core curriculum and with enriching areas such as the fine arts, physical education, technology, and vocational arts and technology.

- **Festival Foothills Elementary School**
Kindergarten – 5th grade

Total Enrollment: 80
26252 West Desert Vista Boulevard
Buckeye, AZ 85396
(928) 501-6000

Secondary Schools

Buckeye Union High School District #201

The district currently consists of three traditional high schools, two which serve Buckeye, as well as one alternative school: Buckeye Academy High School.

Each school provides a progressive curriculum with an array of elective and vocational course offerings to ensure optimal educational opportunities for its diversified student population of over 2,225 students, for the 2006-2007 school year. The district is committed to developing productive citizens and life-long learners and assuring success for all students.

Educational Attainment of Current Teaching Staff

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| Number of Teachers with Bachelor's | 83 |
| Number of Teachers with Master's | 29 |
| Number of Teachers with Doctorate | 1 |

Source: AZ Dept. of Education, 2007

Buckeye Union High School

Buckeye Union High School has served the Buckeye area by providing a well-rounded program for students in both educational and extra-curricular happenings for 75 plus years. The school board and the community continue to make plans for the future educational needs of Buckeye youth.

- **Buckeye Union High School**
9th grade – 12th grade
Total Enrollment: 1,700

902 Eason Avenue
Buckeye, Arizona 85326
(623) 386-4423

Youngker High School

Youngker High School opened doors August 2007. The school is designed to accommodate approximately 1,200 students to meet the growth demand while capturing Buckeye's history and culture. Currently, the school is only open to the freshman grade level; however as the population of Buckeye increases, the school will open the remaining grade levels.

- **Youngker High School**

Currently 9th grade only
Total Enrollment: 316

2000 Apache Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 474-0100

Secondary Schools (cont'd.)

Buckeye Academy High School

Buckeye Academy High School is designed to provide quality education to Buckeye Union High School District students who need learning resources other than those provided at the traditional district campus. Traditional graduation requirements are accomplished through the Advanced Learning System (A+) software and off-line assignments. Individualized self-paced learning models are utilized affording students the opportunity to gain credits as rapidly as they demonstrate proficiency. Additional educational strategies are fashioned utilizing flexible teaching approaches, such as: experiential learning, cooperative learning, competency based learning, peer tutoring, team teaching and teaching to multiple intelligences.

- **Buckeye Academy High School**

9th grade – 12th grade
Total Enrollment: 130

402 West Narramore Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-1072

Agua Fria Union High School District # 216

Agua Fria Union High School District #216 is comprised of four comprehensive, four-year high schools serving over 4,750 students for the 2006-2007 school year. One of the high schools is located in Buckeye.

Educational Attainment of Current Teaching Staff

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| Number of Teachers with Bachelor's | 138 |
| Number of Teachers with Master's | 116 |
| Number of Teachers with Doctorate | 1 |

Source: AZ Dept. of Education, 2007

Verrado High School

Verrado High School is located in the community of Verrado in Buckeye. Currently, the school is open only to freshman and sophomore grade levels; however as the population of Buckeye increases, the school will open the remaining grade levels.

- **Verrado High School**
Currently 9th grade – 10th grade
Total Enrollment: 676

20050 W. Indian School Road
Buckeye, AZ 85396
(623) 932-7400

Higher Level Educations

Community Colleges

Maricopa Community College District

The Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCD) comprise ten colleges, two skill centers and numerous education centers serving nearly three million Maricopa County residents since 1962. The District is dedicated to educational excellence, meeting the needs of businesses and the citizens of Maricopa County. Each college is individually accredited, yet part of a larger system — the Maricopa County Community College District.

The District is one of the largest higher education systems in the world and the largest provider of health care workers and job training in Arizona — a major resource for business and industry and for individuals seeking education and job training.

Estrella Mountain Community College

Of the ten community colleges, Estrella Mountain Community College (EMCC) serves the Buckeye area. Providing educational opportunities and workforce training for western metropolitan Phoenix, EMCC serves a burgeoning population of over 285,000 residents. Located in the fastest growing region of the county, the college's service area population is expected to grow to more than 1.6 million people by 2030. With growth the driving force and planning for the future a constant necessity, EMCC has developed unique strengths to meet its challenges. Strengths in strategic planning, campus design, integration of technology, community partnerships, and the cultivation of a customer-driven approach to program development.

Estrella Mountain Community College offers numerous associate degrees, university transfer partnerships and multiple specialized certificate programs. In addition, the college is home to the Southwest Skill Center.

The Southwest Skill Center at Estrella Mountain Community College serves the growing community of the West Valley with short-term, hands-on training that prepares you for current and future job opportunities by utilizing the most up-to-date technology taught by industry professionals.

Once a satellite campus of the Maricopa Skill Center, the Southwest Skill Center is now an important part of Estrella Mountain Community College, to better accommodate the needs of its local community. This provides students with the small, intimate approach of the Skill Center, combined with all the resources a larger college has to offer. Skill Center students can take advantage of a full-service financial aid office, a library and multimedia center, student life and so much more all at one campus.

Source: www.maricopa.edu, 2007

State Universities

Arizona State University

With an enrollment of more than 58,000 students per year, Arizona State University (ASU) is the largest university in Arizona, and the major producer of graduates in the state. The University consists of four campuses in the Phoenix area and Extended Campus locations throughout the valley.

ASU at the Tempe Campus is located in the heart of Tempe where approximately 49,000 students are enrolled in daytime and evening classes. There are 87 bachelors, 95 masters, 48 doctoral programs and a law degree program. The university is nationally recognized as a foremost research institution offering excellent undergraduate and graduate education, as well as nationally-ranked athletic programs and a full array of cultural activities.

ASU at the West Campus serves more than 7,300 undergraduate and graduate students at its modern, growing campus in northwest Phoenix. ASU West offers bachelor and master's degree programs in the New College of Inter-disciplinary Arts and Sciences, College of Human Services, College of Teacher Education and Leadership, School of Global Management and Leadership, and the Division of Collaborative Programs.

ASU at the Polytechnic Campus is the home campus for the College of Technology and Applied Sciences, the Morrison School of Agribusiness and Resource Management, and East College. The campus, located in southeast Mesa, provides a small residential environment for its nearly 4,000 students. It offers 29 bachelor's and master's programs.

ASU College of Extended Education goes beyond the boundaries of the university's three physical campuses to provide access to quality education for working adults through flexible schedules, a vast network of off-campus sites, evening and weekend classes, and innovative technologies including the internet and television

ASU at the Downtown Phoenix Campus is the newest campus that advances trans-disciplinary applied research, socioeconomic health and global perspectives through purposeful learning

experiences. In a partnership with the City of Phoenix to build a modern, vibrant university campus as part of a larger plan to revitalize the city's urban core, the new full service campus serves 10,000 to 15,000 students and have academic buildings, housing, retail, cultural and entertainment venues.

Source: www.asu.edu, 2007

University of Arizona - Phoenix

The University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix is currently located at 550 East Van Buren Street at the Phoenix Biomedical Campus in downtown. The College of Medicine has had a campus in Phoenix since 1992, providing opportunities for third- and fourth-year medical students to complete their clinical rotations at Phoenix-area hospitals. The campus also provides support for statewide activities for the Colleges of Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health.

Beginning in July 2007, the inaugural class of 24 first-year students will start at the Phoenix campus. The class size is expected to quickly grow to 150 students per year – more than doubling the number of MDs graduating in Arizona each year.

The University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix is housed in three historic buildings constructed around 1910. An extensive adaptive reuse project was recently completed that transformed the buildings into a state-of-the-art medical education facility. The opening celebration for the new campus was held on October 10, 2006.

Source: www.arizona.edu, 2007

Northern Arizona University - West Phoenix

The local Northern Arizona University (NAU) campus offers services, classes, and degrees. NAU-West Phoenix serves the Central, South, and West Valley areas offering undergraduate and graduate degrees, certifications, and endorsements in many programs. Classes are scheduled in evening formats designed for working adults. Courses may be taken in person at convenient locations throughout the central, southern, and west valley or students may utilize Interactive Television (ITV) and web formats for their classes if they prefer. Tuition is the lowest among the major state universities.

Source: www.nau.edu, 2007

Additional Colleges, Universities, and Training Schools Located in Phoenix and the West Valley

Argosy University
2301 W. Dunlap Avenue, Suite 211
Phoenix, AZ 85021
(602) 216-2600

Midwestern University
19555 N. 59th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85308
(623) 572-3200

Devry Institute of Technology
2149 W. Dunlap Avenue

Ohio State University, Extension
330 E. Thomas Road

Phoenix, AZ 85021
(602) 870-0117

Phoenix, AZ 85012
(602) 277-4584

Grand Canyon University
3300 W. Camelback Road
Phoenix, AZ 85017
(602) 249-3300

Ottawa University
10020 N. 25th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85021
(602) 371-1188

International Baptist College
2150 E. Southern Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85282
(480) 838-5430

Southwestern College
2625 E. Cactus Road
Phoenix, AZ 85032
(602) 992-06101

Additional Colleges, Universities, and Training Schools Located in Phoenix and the West Valley (cont'd.)

International Institute of the Americas
6049 N. 43rd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85019
(602) 242-6265

Thunderbird American Graduate School of
International Management
15249 N. 59th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85306-6000
(602) 978-7000

Keller Graduate School of Management
2149 W. Dunlap Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85021
(602) 870-0117

University of Phoenix
9520 W. Palm Lane
Phoenix, Arizona 85037
(480) 557-2000

University of San Francisco, Extension
455 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 870-4123

Western International University
101 W. Thunderbird Road
Phoenix, AZ 85023
(602) 943-2311

Wayland Baptist University
2702 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 279-1011

Western Bible College
10020 N. 15th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85021
(602) 242-3818

Maricopa Community Colleges Center for Workforce Development

The Center for Workforce Development, which is part of the Maricopa Community College District, brings industry and education together to discuss and plan curriculum and faculty training, partner employers to the college that best meets their training needs and serves as a central resource for the most current labor market information and national data on economic and workforce trends.

The Center serves as the central resource for the most current labor market information, as well as a resource for regional and national data on economic and workforce trends and issues. It also serves as a hub, bringing together industry and education for discussions on curriculum and faculty training. In addition, the Center builds collaborative educational relationships in health services, information technologies, high tech manufacturing, biosciences, building trades, transportation, business services automotive technologies, homeland security, public safety, and teacher education and continues to seek new partnerships.

Business and industry partnerships, on-site training and campus-based training are designed to improve the skills and efficiency of employees, saving employers millions of dollars in improved efficiency and creating a stable workforce.

Source: www.maricopa.edu/bwd, 2007

Private Schools

The Town of Buckeye currently has one private school that offers K-8 education. Grace Fellowship Academy is a K-8 private school that serves approximately 100 students. Equipped with a staff of 25, this Grace Fellowship also offers music programs, bible course programs, and beginning in August 2008, the school will begin an afterschool program.

- **Grace Fellowship Academy**
Kindergarten - 8th grade
Total Enrollment: 100

1300 North Miller Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 393-8883

Daycare and Preschools

Below illustrates a list of daycare and preschools in Buckeye. Future daycare and preschools are anticipated as the Town continues to grow.

First Steps Children Center
501 S. 4th Street
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 393-9480

Head Start Buckeye
113 E. Centre Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-2105

First Steps Children Center, Inc.
406 N. 1st Street
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-2246

Tender Care Preschool
705 E. Baseline Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-3477

Grace Fellowship Preschool and Daycare
1300 North Miller Road
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-2700

In addition, the Town of Buckeye Community Services Department has partnered with the Buckeye Elementary School Districts to offer a Before and After School Enrichment program (BASE), licensed daycare, at all Buckeye Elementary School District school locations.